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THE PROVISIONAL VERBATIM TEXTS OF TURKISH FM CAGLAYANGIL'S
(FROM FRENCH) AND GREEK FM BITSIOS' STATEMENTS AT THE FINAL
SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION AUGUST 25 ARE PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

MR. CAGLAYANGIL (TURKEY) (INTERPRETATION FROM FRENCH):
I SHOULD LIKE BRIEFLY TO SET FORTH THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERN-
MENT ON THE RESOLUTION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
SECURITY COUNCIL. AS I EMPHASIZED IN MY STATEMENT ON 13
AUGUST, THE REQUEST MADE BY GREECE FOR A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
WAS COMPLETELY POINTLESS, BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO ACTION
ON THE PART OF TURKEY WHICH COULD LEND CREDENCE OR PLAUSI-
BILITY TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF GREECE TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKEY
HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A THREAT TO PEACE AND
SECURITY IN THE AEGEAN AREA.

THAT BEING SO, MY DELEGATION FROM THE VERY OUTSET TOOK THE
POSITION THAT GREECE'S REQUEST DID NOT NECESSITATE ANY
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RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION

TO THE FOUR WESTERN MEMBERS WHO DREW UP THE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE IN ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO PARTIES.

THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED 14 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WAS HELD, AT GREECE'S REQUEST. THE VERY LENGTH OF THE TIME WHICH HAS INTERVENED SUFFICES IN ITSELF TO SHOW THAT THE COUNCIL DID NOT SHARE GREECE'S VIEW REGARDING THE URGENCY OF THE SO-CALLED THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WISELY BENT THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT BY LAYING EMPHASIS ON THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN ITS WISDOM, THE COUNCIL DID NOT ACCEPT THE CONTENTION THAT THE TURKISH RESEARCH VESSEL, "SISMIK I", IN ITS ACTIVITIES, HAD INFRINGED ON THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF ANY COUNTRY. IT CORRECTLY DIAGNOSED THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF TENSION AND CONFLICT IN THE AEGEAN SEA, WHICH, WE ARE CONVINCED, ARE NOT SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

THE COUNCIL STRESSED THE PRIME NEED TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, AND, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, TURKEY IS NOW ENTITLED TO REQUIRE THAT GREECE COMPLY WITH ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, WHICH ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY OF TURKEY.

FURTHERMORE, THE COUNCIL, IN THE MANNER IN WHICH IT DEALT WITH THE CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATION AND OTHER PEACEFUL MEANS FOR RESOLVING CONFLICTS, CLEARLY GAVE PRIORITY AND PRIDE OF PLACE TO THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. IT REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE, OF RESORTING TO THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL FORA IN CONNEXION WITH OUTSTANDING LEGAL DIFFERENCES WHICH MIGHT REMAIN AFTER SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

THE COUNCIL, THEREFORE, RECOGNIZES THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND SECURITY. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE UNILATERAL APPLICATION BY GREECE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IS IN COMPLETE CONTRADICTION WITH BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THIS RESOLUTION, QUITE APART FROM THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER IT WAS A VALID REQUEST.

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HAVING CLARIFIED THESE POINTS, I SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTION ON THE PART OF TURKEY THAT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS NECESSITATING OR JUSTIFYING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. TURKEY HAS VIOLATED NO INTERNATIONAL TREATY NOR HAS IT INFRINGED ON THE RIGHTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. NO ONE, I THINK, IN THIS COUNCIL COULD CLAIM OTHERWISE.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO REPEAT THAT TURKEY HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE NOT ONLY IN CONNEXION WITH THE DISPUTE SURROUNDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE AEGEAN BUT ALSO TO SETTLE ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. TURKEY HAS MADE THIS POINT ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, AND IT IS ALWAYS TURKEY WHICH TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN THE FIELD OF NEGOTIATIONS. SINCE THIS ATTITUDE OF OURS REMAINS UNCHANGED, WE CONSIDER THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE RESOLUTION IS FULLY IN HARMONY WITH THE POLICY THAT HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY PURSUED BY TURKEY.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT I NEED AMPLIFY REGARDING MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS OTHER PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION SINCE OUR POSITION HAS BEEN MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR BY WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID. THE CORE OF THE RESOLUTION CAN BE FOUND IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3. WHILE WE CONSIDER THAT THIS PARAGRAPH ACCORDS WITH OUR POLICY, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT WE ARE BOUND BY ANY OTHER PROVISION THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS CONSTITUTING ANY PRECONDITION OR CONSTRAINT, NOR COULD WE ACCEPT ANY PROVISION THAT WOULD BE LIKELY TO PREJUDGE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION OR ITS OUTCOME OR THAT MIGHT INVOLVE ANY UNILATERAL RECOURSE TO A JUDICIAL BODY.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT TURKEY HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AS BINDING. FURTHERMORE, IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IMPLIES THAT THERE NOT BE ANY UNILATERAL ACTION UNDERTAKEN THAT WOULD BE IN FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION WITH THE CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATION HAS I HAVE JUST DEFINED IT.

MR. BITSIOS (GREECE) (INTERPRETATION FROM FRENCH): I WISH TO SAY TWO WORDS TO THANK THE COUNCIL. TO THANK IT, FIRST OF ALL, FOR HAVING GRANTED OUR REQUEST; SECONDLY, FOR HAVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEARD OUR CONCERN REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION BUT AT THE SAME TIME OUR DESIRE TO SETTLE OUR DISPUTE WITH TURKEY PEACEFULLY; AND, FINALLY FOR HAVING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH, DESPITE THE STATEMENT THAT WE JUST HEARD, WILL, I TRUST, CLEAR AWAY THE OBSTACLES TO A RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE AND LEAD TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE AEGEAN SEA BY PEACEFUL MEANS. MORE PARTICULARLY, I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WHO, DURING THESE LONG DAYS OF WAITING, HAVE UNFLAGGINGLY WORKED AT A DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH THE CONSTANT CONCERN TO REDUCE TENSION AND TO SUGGEST TO THE PARTIES THE MEANS OFFERED TO THEM FOR SOLVING THEIR DISPUTE.
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